

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Washington, Feb. 10.—Representative Joy
will present the name of Hugo Muench to

made.

Mr. Muench was slated for this office

Hugo Muench, who is a partner of the law firm of Lubke & Muench, was seen last

When asked whether he would accept the post, if tendered him, he replied that he could not give a definite answer. He declared, however, that if the vacancy at Zittau had to be filled immediately he could not accept the office, as he could not leave his family.

Zittau is a small manufacturing and mining town, close to the border of Bohemia, lying town in the eastern part of the German Empire. The principal exports to the United States are textiles and dyes. The salary and fees of the United States Consul at Zittau are said to be small.

IN WHICH LIVES WERE LOST.

The loss of life in the Empire Hotel yesterday is exceeded in St. Louis only by the Trading Hotel fire, February 12, 1888, in which twenty-six persons perished, and the Southern Hotel disaster, April 11, 1877, in which twenty-seven persons were burned to death or killed in trying to escape. In the old Planters House four girls were suffocated by smoke in a fire which occurred on April 1, 1888, at 1015 North Broadway street, and Levee, a cheap lodging-house, was burned April 19, 1888, and three persons were killed. Beds were rented at 5 cents a day, and there were probably twenty-five people in the building when the fire

broke out, but all escaped except three girls, who became so frightened they had not enough presence of mind to know the directions of the house, although they had lived there for months.

On January 4, 1896, six persons were killed in the fire which destroyed the works of the Anchor Peanut Company and the wares of the Grubbs Commission Company at No. 311 North Second street. The fire was said to have been started by an explosion of

dynamite crackers on the second floor in the rear of the Anchor Peanut works. Three persons were killed outright by the explosion and three were caught under fall-timbers. Albert Stelnway, a boy 15 years old, employed by the Anchor Peanut Company, attracted the attention of firemen by his cries and they began to cut the timbers attempt his rescue. When they got near him he begged them to kill him.

and relieve his sufferings. He was lying across the bodies of two other boys who were dead. Steinhay died in a few hours after being taken out of the ruins.

**MANY FIREMEN KILLED
FIGHTING ST. LOUIS FIRES.**

One decade with another the list of victims of fires shows the names of firemen equal or nearly so to all others. Nearly a hundred firemen have been killed in

A hundred men have been killed in St. Louis since the organization of the department. Next to the number killed in the recent Chestnut street fire is the record of the A. S. Aloe & Co.'s fire on Broadway between Locust and St. Charles, in which two members of the Fire Department were killed. Owen Helms and John Stanton, and two members of the Salvage Corps. Nimrod

On December 24, 1883, in a fire on Fourth and Elm streets, Mike Keho was pinned under falling timbers and when the fire had crept to his waist the boys dropped the hose for a minute and climbed up to tell him good by. His release was impossible. At this fire John Conway, a brother of

Pat Conway, now of Engine Company No. 28, was injured for life.

**JOHN KEYES WAS
FIRST FIREMAN KILLED.**

The first fireman killed within the memory of present members of the department, and by some thought to be the first since the department was organized, was John Keyes, who perished at the old Probasco candy store, November 21, 1874.

Charles Mebus, pipeman in No. 1h was killed at the Penny & Gentles' fire, corner of Broadway and Franklin, on February 4, 1906, and John Judd, was badly injured under falling timbers. At the burning of Filley's foundry, corner of Main street and Cass avenue, September 7, 1880, Mike Lynch and Ed Saunderson were instantly killed and, following the fire, Mike Lynch was

Barney McKernan, assistant chief; Chris Hoell, and Frank McDonald, were killed at a fire on Second street, between Vine street and Washington avenue, Bishop & Spears's liquor house, August 10, 1887.

On February 2, 1887, Joe Schimpers was killed in a fire at No. 219 Chestnut street, which destroyed Arnot's stables, with 115 horses.

One fireman, George Gantwald, was killed at the Ely-Walker fire, March 15, 1897.

**PERSONS LOSE LIVES
THROUGH THEIR CARELESSNESS.**

An investigation of the history of St. Louis fires since 1870 shows that nearly half the people who perish in fires, except firemen, do so because they become so paralyzed with fear that they are unable to avail themselves of the means of escape.

which are often at hand. A tenement on Seventh and Morgan streets caught fire January 1, 1889, and two women appeared at an upper story window and killed themselves by jumping to the pavement when they could easily have walked down the stairs.

his head saved himself and five women at the Southern Hotel fire. He was asleep in his room on the fifth floor when the fire started and did not awake until the guests began screaming and running wildly up and down the hallways. He got up, opened the door of his room and saw his danger. Then he shut the door, put down the transom to keep out the smoke and

and dressed. After dressing he threw his grips out on to the roof of Tony Faust's saloon, put on his overcoat and a plug hat and walked to the window. Five girls in a window above and to one side were screaming and calling for help. Brokaw yelled for them to wait and be careful not to fall out. Then he cut every sheet and blanket in his room into halves, twisted them carefully and tied the pieces into a line. This

gelled for a freeman to fasten a rope to the end. Drawing the rope to his window, he threw the end of it to the girls and told them how to fasten it. Then, taking off his overcoat lest it obstruct his movements, he threw it over on Tony Faust's roof to where his grips lay, and fastening his improvised rope to his bedstead he descended very deliberately and escaped without a scratch. All five of the

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